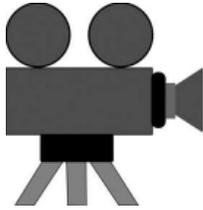


# Teach Tábhairne Fógara

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## “Movie Monday Nights” 7:30 PM



The *Celtic Tavern on Blake Street* is bringing something new to the Pub experience. Owner, Noel Hickey, has introduced “**Movie Monday Nights**” where you can see and enjoy a classic movie in the Robert Burns Room while enjoying a special reduced priced drink - all in the company of friends.

January’s classic movies began with **The Quiet Man, The Big Lebowski, The Hangover and Young Frankenstein**. If you missed these then on **February 7th** be sure to catch “**In Bruges**” starring Colin Farrell, Brendan Gleeson and Ralph Fiennes.

**No Cover Charge, Free Popcorn** during the movie. If you should want too, you can stop by earlier for dinner and enjoy some of the best Irish and Celtic food found in Denver!



Ireland is a country full of secrets, legends and remarkable places. One of those in particular is the place in Co. Down in Ulster province where the man himself lies at rest. I am speaking of **Naomh Pádraig (Saint Patrick)**. He was born in Wales (part of Roman Britain), but his heart and life’s work belong forever to Ireland and the world. Many are unaware that in **Downpatrick, Co. Down** you will be closer to the man and his mission, than you have ever been before. Few realize that St. Patrick passed away just 16 short years before the Fall of Rome. As we soon will enter the St. Patrick’s Day season, take a virtual visit now to St. Patrick’s country in Co. Down:

<http://www.saintpatrickcentre.com/>



## SAINT VALENTINE'S DAY FEBRUARY 14TH



Every year lovers celebrate Saint Valentine's Day or as it is more commonly referred to - **Valentine's Day**. It is one of those days especially set aside for lovers' world wide ... with few understanding why. Even lesser known is the fact that **Ireland is the adopted home of St. Valentine!**

That last statement may be a little hard for us all to agree on, until I tell you the tale of Saint Valentine...

In Ancient Rome February 14th was a holiday to honor 'Juno the queen of the Roman gods and goddesses'. **Juno was also known as the "goddess of women and marriage"**. On Feb. 15th the Romans held the feast of Lupercalia which involved partnering young boys and girls together. Girls names were written on a piece of paper and put in a jar with boys then drawing a name out of that jar. Sometimes these pairings lasted a long time after the feast. In many cases the children would grow, marry and raise a family.

Under the rule of Emperor Claudius II, Rome was involved in fighting many battles. Claudius found that many young men were not joining his army because they did not want to leave their families and wives. So Claudius II put forth an edict that all marriages and engagements were hereby ended in the empire. At the same time he did not like Christians either so he made it a crime for anyone to associate with Christians and for all Christians to be put to death. Further he ordered Romans to practice worship of the state's gods and goddesses. Enter **Valentinus (Valentine)** who remained dedicated to Christianity and secretly continued marrying young couples. He was caught & brought before the Prefect of Rome who condemned him to death by 'beating with clubs'. He died on **Feb. 14, 269 A.D.**

Throughout the following centuries various basilicas, churches and monasteries were built at the site where Valentine was buried. Many restorations and reconstructions had also taken place at that site. In the early 1800s such work was being performed when Valentine's remains were suddenly discovered. At the same time an Irish priest named **Father John Spratt** of the Carmelite Order was visiting Rome. He was a man especially known for his skills as a preacher and worker amongst the poor and destitute of Dublin's Liberties area. He was also responsible for the building of the new church, **Our Lady of Mount Carmel at Whitefriar Street**. Fr. Spratt on his visit to Rome preached at the church in Gesu where many came to see him and give him tokens of their appreciation. One who heard him was *Pope Gregory XVI* who offered a small relic of discovered St. Valentine to Father Spratt, to take with him back to Dublin.

On Nov. 10, 1836 Archbishop Murray of Dublin accepted the saint's relic at the **Whitefriar St. Church**. Later Fr. Spratt was to pass away in 1871, and interest in St. Valentine somehow declined with the relic being put away in storage. Some 80 years later, a major church renovation took place in the **1950s/1960s** and St. Valentine's relic rediscovered. A shrine then was created in the church during that renovation. Today, many couples come to pray and ask St. Valentine to watch over their marriages. For those engaged, a *Blessing of the Rings* ceremony takes place in the church each year on February the 14th.





Great Seal of Saorstát Éireann

## SAORSTÁT ÉIREANN

*Irish Free State  
(1922 ~ 1937)*

*1926 Census (26 Counties)*

When the Irish Free State (Saorstát Éireann) was established after the signing of the **Anglo-Irish Treaty** on 6 December 1922, Ireland became a Dominion state with all 32 counties part of the new state. Within the month following ratification, six of the nine counties of Ulster province opted out of the new Saorstát Éireann dominion state, leaving Ulster counties Cavan, Donegal and Monaghan behind. (Later in 1937, the citizens of the 26 counties voted by referendum to change their constitution going forth making Ireland a free & independent republic.)

Saorstát Éireann in 1926 needed to know the demographics of the new country, so a census was planned. Previously, Britain had undertaken the last 10 censuses of the 32 counties, turning over those statistics to the new Irish Free State. Now it was time to find out about the citizens living in the new state. Some of the results give us an insight into the late 19th century/early 20th century that speak volumes to us today. Unmarried males in Saorstát Éireann were the highest percent in all of Europe, while females were continuing to emigrate in larger numbers than males. 'Actual 1926 reports' follow as graphics.

### Conjugal Conditions.

The proportion of unmarried persons in the Saorstát at each age is much higher than in any other country, and marriages take place at a comparatively late age.

PERCENTAGE OF MALES UNMARRIED AT EACH AGE.

Country	Ages				Country	Ages			
	25-30	30-35	35-40	55-65		25-30	30-35	35-40	55-65
SAORSTÁT ÉIREANN ...	80	62	50	26	Czecho-Slovakia ...	50	25	13	5
Swedon ...	64	37	25	12	Notherlands ...	49	24	17	11
Finland ...	62	44	34	16	Denmark ...	49	25	16	8
Northern Ireland ...	62	42	33	21	Belgium ...	49	26	18	13
Esthonia ...	61	38	23	8	Canada ...	48	28	20	11
Switzerland ...	60	34	22	13	Portugal ...	46	26	19	10
Norway ...	55	32	21	10	Germany ...	45	19	11	6
New Zealand ...	55	32	23	16	England and Wales	45	23	16	10
Scotland ...	54	32	23	14	Hungary ...	43	*	*	*
Italy ...	53	29	17	9	Spain ...	39	*	*	*
Australia ...	52	31	23	18	U.S.A. ...	39	24	*	10
South Africa ...	52	26	17	9					

\* Figures not available for this grouping of ages.

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TABLE 9.—POPULATION, AREA AND VALUATION OF URBAN AND RURAL DISTRICTS AND OF ALL TOWNS WITH A POPULATION OF 1,500 INHABITANTS OR OVER, SHOWING PARTICULARS OF TOWN AND VILLAGE POPULATION AND OF THE NUMBER OF PERSONS PER 100 ACRES.

District	POPULATION							Population in Towns and Villages 1926		Persons per 100 Acres	Area	Valuation
	1911	1926			Decrease Per Cent. (+ = Increase)			Persons	As Percentage of Total Population			
	Persons	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females					
					%	%	%	Persons	%		Acres	£
<b>SAORSTAT EIREANN</b>	3,139,688	2,971,992	1,506,889	1,465,103	5.3	5.2	5.5	1,156,496	38.9	17.5	17,024,481	11,427,813
Province of Leinster	1,162,044	1,149,092	573,900	575,192	1.1	1.6	0.7	659,562	57.4	23.7	4,851,136	5,508,556
Province of Munster	1,035,495	969,902	493,628	476,274	6.3	6.2	6.5	360,892	37.2	16.3	5,962,803	3,551,326
Province of Connacht	610,984	552,907	284,453	268,454	9.5	8.9	10.2	90,010	16.3	13.1	4,230,822	1,489,618
Province of Ulster (3 Counties)	331,165	300,091	154,908	145,183	9.4	8.0	10.8	46,032	15.3	15.2	1,979,720	878,313

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Table 9 above gives us a comparison between the 1911 population in the 26 counties, versus the 1926 population numbers. An overall decline is evident and as you can see - more females were emigrating in larger numbers than males in 3 of the 4 provinces. *So where did the emigrants go?*

The next graphic uses 1926 Census information that the Irish Free State obtained directly from the *United States, England & Wales, Scotland, Canada* and *Australia*. These were not the only countries where Irish emigrated too, but mainly the prime locations. The period of time is 1841 through 1921 (an **80 year period**) and the number of Irish-Born individuals emigrating and beginning what we would call today the - **Irish Diaspora** - is simply incredible.

### Number of Irish-Born Persons in Various Countries, 1841 - 1926

Year	32 County Censuses	U.S.A.	England & Wales	Scotland	Canada	Australia	TOTAL
		<b>Irish - Born Persons</b>					
1841	8,175,124	n/a	289,404	126,321	122,000	n/a	537,725
1851	6,552,385	961,719	519,959	207,367	227,000	n/a	1,916,045
1861	5,798,564	1,611,304	601,634	204,083	286,031	n/a	2,703,052
1871	5,412,377	1,855,827	566,540	207,770	223,163	n/a	2,853,300
1881	5,174,836	1,854,571	562,374	218,745	185,526	212,633	3,033,849
1891	4,704,750	1,871,509	458,315	194,807	149,184	226,949	2,900,764
1901	4,456,775	1,615,459	426,565	205,064	101,629	184,085	2,532,802
1911	4,390,219	1,352,251	375,325	174,715	92,874	139,434	2,134,599
1921	4,228,553 *	1,037,234	364,747	159,020	93,301	105,033	1,759,335

(\* ) includes the 1926 Census

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The 5 countries supplying 'their' census information assures us that the numbers are as accurate as could be obtained at the time. Nevertheless, many Irish-Born remained **uncounted** especially those migrating through the gold and silver mining camps, out on the frontiers of America and Australia, as well as in other countries not listed. So we should consider these numbers '**conservative**' at best. The high number of 3,033,849 **Irish-Born emigrants** living in these 5 countries in the year 1881 is the high point. But the beginning of the worldwide Irish-Born Diaspora actually began in the late 18th century (1700s) and is today very much alive and well. ©2011 Ken Hannon Larson, Teach Tábhairne Fógra. All Rights Reserved.

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A Penny And Four Pence  
Worth of Thoughts

Our "TOP 10" favorite Pubs you should visit this St. Patrick's Day season



2620 W. Belleview Ave., Littleton CO.



Winner of Westword's "Best New Restaurant"  
For 2010  
2700 E. 3rd Avenue in Cherry Creek  
(3rd and Clayton)



Conor O'Neill's Traditional Irish Pub  
1922 13th Street - Boulder, Colorado



The Irish Rover Pub  
read mile faile  
54 S Broadway Denver, CO 80209  
telephone: 303.282.4643



2030 Larimer St.  
Denver, CO. 80205  
303.291.6992

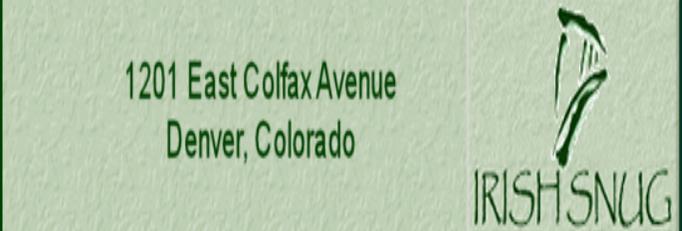


KATIE MULLEN'S  
IRISH RESTAURANT & PUB

Katie Mullen's Irish Restaurant and Bar, 16th Street Mall at 1550 Court Place, Denver CO  
80202 303-573-0336



ned kelly's irish pub  
Such Is Life  
5686 S. Sycamore Street, Littleton CO. 80120



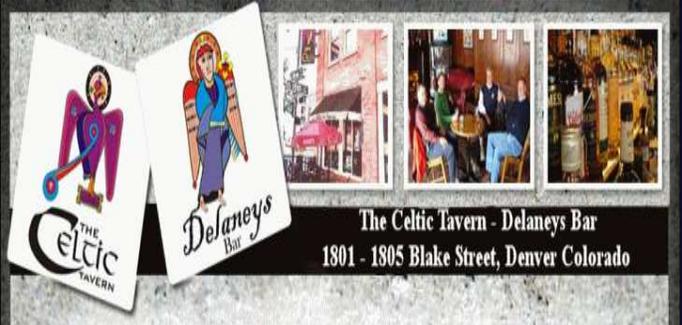
1201 East Colfax Avenue  
Denver, Colorado

IRISH SNUG



Denver Colorado  
1429 Market Street

Since 1992



The Celtic Tavern - Delaney's Bar  
1801 - 1805 Blake Street, Denver Colorado

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Denver Gaels GAA Club

2007  
North American  
Junior Hurling  
and Under 16  
Champions

## Denver Gaels GAA Club

### 2011 Indoor League Hurling and Gaelic Football

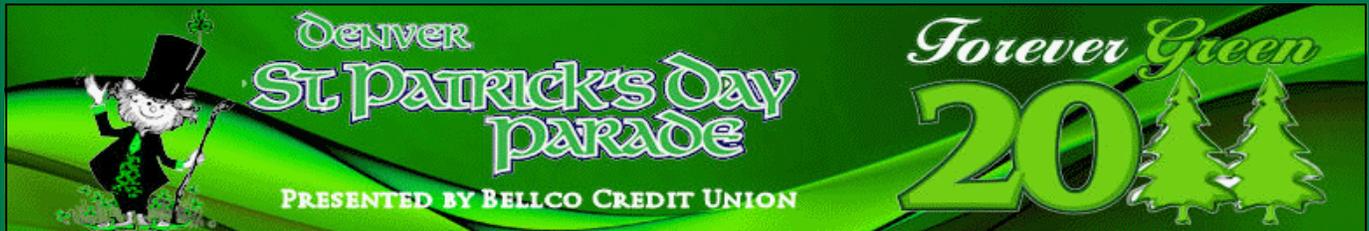


There is still time to join the Denver Gaels indoor league and participate in Hurling and Gaelic Football. No better time to learn how to play than now!

Cost for instructions and play are \$40 for one sport, \$50 for both (or pay \$10 per day onsite). If you or someone you know may be interested have them visit the Denver Gaels website for more information.

Indoor League season runs from Jan. 9th through Feb. 27th every Sunday at the Parker Fieldhouse.

<http://www.denvergaels.com/modules/wfchannel/>



## Mark Your Calendars!

### Denver St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee "Pub Crawl" Is Coming - Feb. 26th!

This is the BIG one, the one that comes about only once a year. Prior to the St. Patrick's Day Parade in March, the Parade Committee holds their "Pub Crawl" in celebration of all of their hard work during the year - and work yet to come at the Parade being held on March 12th!

#### DATE:

Saturday Feb. 26th 10AM to 5PM. Busses depart from the Blake Street Tavern at 11 AM. Due to popularity, more busses are being brought on with payment upfront of \$25/person. NO money accepted at day of pub crawl, registration deadline is: February 12th.

Members will visit 5 different pubs where appetizers will be free, and drink discounts will be available.

For your musical enjoyment, members of the **AOH Michael Collins Pipes and Drums** will be in attendance and providing music on the busses and in the pubs.

Make sure you don't miss this opportunity to socialize and have some fun!

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## Boulder Theater

2032 14th Street, Boulder, CO | Box Office: 303.786.7030

An Evening with  
Harpist and Singer

### Órla Fallon

at Mount Wolseley Hotel, Tullow, Co. Carlow,  
on Saturday February 12th at 8pm

Tickets €20 For Ticket Information Phone 059 9180100 or 087 2958926



### Órla Fallon

(formerly of Celtic Woman)

Readers of this e-newsletter in Ireland should make note that you can see **Órla Fallon** this **February 12th** at the Mount Wolseley Hotel in Tullow, County Carlow - Saturday at 8 PM. Tickets are **€20** for this one night appearance.

Her new CD "*Distant Shores*" is now available to purchase. Órla Fallon's latest solo release, brings the deep, joyful and soul moving tradition of Celtic music to the forefront with this inspiring and intimate album. Recorded on both sides of the Atlantic, the pure and emotional singing and virtuoso playing of the Irish harp is both stunning and spellbinding.



Órla Fallon comes from the village of Knockanna in Co. Wicklow, Ireland. You have seen her on PBS specials or perhaps on her Celtic Christmas Special. Now you can see her live and in person.

Her American tour starts in Salt Lake City on March 24th, then its on to the **Boulder Theater Saturday, March 26th at 3PM**. Tickets are available at the box office (\$41.50/47.00), or call **Pat McCullough** of **Celtic Events** at **303-777-0502** for reduced price tickets (\$33.50/\$38.75 no box office fees; checks okay).

Órla is planning yet another Public Television special in March. **My Land** – Starring Órla Fallon is an Irish music, geographical and cultural celebration featuring the legendary *Dubliners*, *Tommy Fleming*, *Damien Dempsey* and the *Dublin Gospel Choir*. The show was shot on location throughout Ireland and Northern Ireland with a full length concert taped in Dublin this past September. She is a woman that credits her late grandmother for instilling an abiding love of Irish music and traditional culture, and is now carving out a very successful solo career for herself.

Órla Fallon's Tour Dates: <http://www.orlafallon.com/Tour/tabid/1042/Default.aspx>

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